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1. AT MAY 5 NAC MEETING, MOST PERMREPS APPROVED SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUMMIT SET FORTH IN REFTELS. CANADIAN, ITALIAN, AND TURKISH PERMREPS EXPECTED APPROVAL BUT LACKED FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. DE FREITAS CRUZ (PORTUGAL) SAID HE DID NOT YET HAVE CONFIRMATION COSTA GOMES WOULD ATTEND OR WHETHER COSTA GOMES WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR BRUCE SAID WASHINGTON CONCURRED WITH ARRANGEMENTS (REFTELS) AND JOINED CONSENSUS FAVORING A LIMIT OF SIX ON NATIONAL REPRESENTATION. HE SAID HE ASSUMED ATTENDANCE BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD BE SIMILARLY RESTRICTED, TO WHICH DEPUTY SYG PANSO AGREED. BRUCE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF USING MAY 29 FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF BILATERALS.

3. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID THAT IN PLANNING FOR KING'S DINNER AND OTHER EVENTS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER OFFICIALS WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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WIVES. BRUCE SAID, BASED ON STATEMENT TO PRESS BY WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN, MRS. FORD WAS EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT ON HIS TRIP TO EUROPE.

4. DURING DISCUSSION OF EXPERT WORKING GROUP REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST (SEPTTEL), CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES ASKED WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD PLANS, AT THE NATO SUMMIT, TO TALK ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. MENZIES ADDED THAT IF THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ALLIED GOVERNMENTS TO HAVE SOME ADVANCE NOTICE. AMBASSADOR BRUCE SAID HE WOULD REFER THIS QUESTION TO WASHINGTON.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING PLANS AND PREFERENCES OF MRS. FORD, MRS. KISSINGER AND OTHER WIVES OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO MAY ACCOMPANY. BRUCE

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